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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)

The County's Washington, D.C. advocates report that today, the House Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittee reduced SCAAP Program funding to \$300 million in its mark-up of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 CJS Appropriations Bill. This represents a \$100 million reduction below its FFY 2009 funding level. The President's FFY 2010 Budget proposes the elimination of SCAAP. California would be disproportionately hurt by the SCAAP funding cut because nearly 40 percent of total SCAAP funding annually is allocated to the State and its counties. The Federal government has not yet allocated any of the \$400 million in FFY 2009 SCAAP funding. In FFY 2008, when SCAAP funding totaled \$410 million, the County received a SCAAP payment of \$14.05 million.

The Subcommittee, which approved the FFY 2010 CJS Appropriations Bill, has not yet released the text of the bill and its accompanying committee report. The County's Washington, D.C. advocates are working with the Governor's Office, California State Association of Counties, and other State and local governments, which receive significant SCAAP funding, to increase SCAAP funding to as high a level as possible in the full committee mark-up next week.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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